

### Matthew 24:8 and 29-44

8 But all these **ings** are merely **the beginning of birth pangs**...

29 But **immediately** after the tribulation of those days *the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.* 30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and **they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky** with power and great glory. 31 And **He will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.**

32 Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; 33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, right at the door. 34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

36 But **of that day and hour** no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 **For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.** 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming. 43 But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night **the thief was coming**, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

### 1 Thessalonians 3:13

...so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at **the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.**

### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep** in Jesus. 15 **For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord,** will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with **the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God,** and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,** and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Now **as to the times and the epochs**, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just **like a thief in the night.** 3 **While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.** 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, **that the day would overtake you like a thief;** 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.

### 1 Corinthians 15:50-53

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; **we will not all sleep,** but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, **in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.** 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.